

*New Windsor, NY* – Congressman John Hall (NY-19) held a roundtable meeting today here at the New Windsor Community Center with Hudson Valley area representatives from the solar industry to advocate and make plans to “buy and invest locally.” The event drew more than a dozen solar industry representatives, ranging from manufacturers to installers, along with Vinny Cozzolino, founder and CEO of the Solar Energy Consortium (TSEC). Pat Courtney of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) helped coordinate the event.

The roundtable meeting opened with remarks from Rep. Hall, who said: “Since I was first elected to Congress, I have been working to revitalize the Hudson Valley economy by investing in new, energy-efficient technologies like solar power. These new technologies will improve our environment while providing good paying jobs here at home. Now more than ever, America must lead the way in developing energy efficiency and renewable power technology.”

Representatives from individual solar companies gave reports on products and services, focusing on integrating their efforts. Among those participating in the roundtable were Cozzolino; Andrew Wilson, President and CEO of SpectraWatt;

Rick Lewandowski, President & CEO of Prism Solar Technologies; Paul Haering, Vice President of Central Hudson; Anthony Campagiorni, Vice President of Central Hudson;

Chris Alsante from Solar Tech Renewables; Andrew Neal, Founder and CEO of ANL Lighting; Frank Falatyn, founder of Fala Technologies; Jim Bodrato, Vice President of Business Development at Perreca Electric; and John Barnett from Echo Sun on the manufacturing side; plus Vincent Ricotta, Vice President of T-KAR Smart Energy Systems; Daniel Silvestri, President of D. Silvestri Sons, Inc.; Buddy Damiani of Damiani and Sun, Inc.; Chris DiBernardo of 2K Solar; Steve Burke, founder and President of Burke-Electrical; Matthew Pillius from Burke-Electrical; and David Tedesco, owner of Fairway Electric & Solar Energy on the solar energy installation side.

“I am also committed to supporting legislation to help create a market for solar energy so that renewable energy companies like all of you will have more customers, more demand for your products, make more money, and be able to create more jobs,” added Rep. Hall at the roundtable.

In March, U. S. Labor Secretary Hilda L. Solis joined Rep. Hall on a tour of SpectraWatt, a manufacturer of crystalline silicon solar cells, at the company's new high tech manufacturing facility in the Hudson Valley Research Park in Hopewell Junction, NY. The company, which currently employs 60, plans on creating more than a hundred additional green jobs next year as the company ramps up to full speed.